

## Problem Set 3

Problems marked **(T)** are for discussions in Tutorial sessions.

1. Draw and illustrate in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$(a) \mathbf{e}_1 + \{n\mathbf{e}_2 | n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

$$(b) \mathbf{e}_1 + \{\alpha\mathbf{e}_2 | \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

2. In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , Is  $\{\alpha\mathbf{e}_1 | \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\} + \{\alpha\mathbf{e}_2 | \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\} = \mathbb{R}^2$ ? What about  $\{\alpha\mathbf{e}_1 | \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\} + \{\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} | \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\} = \mathbb{R}^2$ ?

3. In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  prove that  $\left\{ \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} | \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \right\} + \left\{ \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} | \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \right\} + \left\{ \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} | \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^3$ . Do you use Gauss-Jordan Elimination (GJE) method somewhere?

**Solution:** Put  $A = \{\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} | \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $B = \{\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} | \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $C = \{\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} | \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Then  $A + B + C = \{a + b + c | a \in A, b \in B, c \in C\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Let  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . We want to find  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  s.t.  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \gamma \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . That is, need

to solve  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . We may use GJE to find the values of  $\alpha = \frac{x_1 - x_2 + x_3}{2}$ ,  $\beta =$

$x_2 - x_3$ ,  $\gamma = \frac{-x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{2}$ . But without doing so, we may find the determinant and conclude that the system has a unique solution. But, we will need GJE for higher order vectors.

4. Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be two nonparallel lines passing through origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . What is  $L_1 + L_2$ ?
5. **(T)** Fix a non-negative integer  $n$  and let  $\mathbb{R}[x; n] = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n c_i x^i : c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ . Show that  $\mathbb{R}[x; n]$  is a real vector space with respect to the usual addition and scalar multiplication.

**Solution:** For  $p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$ ,  $q(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n b_i x^i$ ,  $r(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i x^i$ , we define

$$[\text{Vector Addition:}] \quad (p + q)(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_i + b_i) x^i \in \mathbb{R}[x; n]. \quad (1)$$

$$[\text{Scalar Multiplication:}] \quad (\alpha p)(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n (\alpha a_i) x^i \in \mathbb{R}[x; n] \quad \text{for } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2)$$

Then

$$\text{i. } p + q = q + p \text{ as } (p + q)(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_i + b_i) x^i = \sum_{i=0}^n (b_i + a_i) x^i = (q + p)(x).$$

- ii.  $(p + q) + r = p + (q + r)$  as  $(a_i + b_i) + c_i = a_i + (b_i + c_i)$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .
  - iii. The *zero* polynomial,  $z(x) = 0$ , satisfies  $p + z = p$  as  $a_i + 0 = a_i$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .
  - iv. For all  $p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x; n]$ , there is  $(-p)(x) := \sum_{i=0}^n (-a_i)x^i$  such that  $(p + (-p))(x) = 0 = z(x)$ .
  - v. For all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x; n]$ ,  $(\alpha(\beta p))(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha(\beta a_i)x^i = \sum_{i=0}^n (\alpha\beta)a_i x^i = ((\alpha\beta)p)(x)$ .
  - vi. For all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha(p + q) = \alpha p + \alpha q$ .
  - vii. For all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$   $(\alpha + \beta)p = \alpha p + \beta p$ .
  - viii. For all  $p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x; n]$ ,  $1(p) = p$  as  $(1p)(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n (1a_i)x^i = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i = p(x)$ .
6. Recall that  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is the real vector space of all  $n \times n$  real matrices. Now, prove the following:
- (a)  $\mathbb{S} = \{A \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{R}) : A^T = A\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ .
  - (b) Fix  $A \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Define  $\mathbb{U} = \{B \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{R}) : AB = BA\}$ . Then,  $\mathbb{U}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ .
  - (c) Let  $\mathbb{W} = \{a_0 I + a_1 A + \cdots + a_m A^m : m \text{ is a non-negative integer, } a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Then,  $\mathbb{W}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{U}$ .
7. In  $\mathbb{R}$ , define  $x \oplus y = x + y - 1$  and  $a \odot x = a(x - 1) + 1$ . Show that  $\mathbb{R}$  is a real vector space with respect to these operations with additive identity 1 (note that 0 is NOT the additive identity).
- Solution:** Again, an easy verification of all vector space requirements.
8. **(T)** Which of the following are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$(a) \{(x, y, z) \mid x \geq 0\}, \quad (b) \{(x, y, z) \mid x + y = z\}, \quad (c) \{(x, y, z) \mid x = y^2\}.$$

**Solution:**

- (a) Not a subspace :  $-1(1, 0, 0)$  does not belong to the set.
  - (b) Is a subspace.
  - (c) Not a subspace :  $(1, 1, 0) + (4, 2, 0)$  is not in the set. Since the relation is non-linear, closure is a problem.
9. Find the condition on  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  so that  $S = \{(x, y, z) \mid ax + by + cz = d\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- Solution:**  $d = 0$ .  $S$  is subspace  $\Rightarrow (0, 0, 0) \in S \Rightarrow d = 0$ .
10. **(T)** Show that  $S = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) : x_4 - x_3 = x_2 - x_1\} = \text{LS}(\{(1, 0, 0, -1), (0, 1, 0, 1), (0, 0, 1, 1)\})$ .
- Solution:**  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in S \Rightarrow x_4 = -x_1 + x_2 + x_3$ . Thus,  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (x_1, x_2, x_3, -x_1 + x_2 + x_3) = x_1(1, 0, 0, -1) + x_2(0, 1, 0, 1) + x_3(0, 0, 1, 1)$ .

11. **(T)** Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$  such that  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is also a subspace. Prove that one of the spaces  $W_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  is contained in the other.

**Solution:** Suppose  $W_1$  is not a subset of  $W_2$ . To show:  $W_2$  is a subset of  $W_1$ .

Let  $\mathbf{w}_2 \in W_2$ . To show that  $W_2$  is contained in  $W_1$ , we need to show that  $\mathbf{w}_2 \in W_1$ . Since  $W_1 \not\subset W_2$ , we can choose  $\mathbf{w}_1 \in W_1$  such that  $\mathbf{w}_1 \notin W_2$ . Then  $\mathbf{w}_2 - \mathbf{w}_1 \in W_1 \cup W_2$  as it is a subspace but  $\mathbf{w}_2 - \mathbf{w}_1 \notin W_2$  because then  $\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{w}_2 - (\mathbf{w}_2 - \mathbf{w}_1) \in W_2$ . So,  $\mathbf{w}_2 - \mathbf{w}_1 \in W_1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{w}_2 = (\mathbf{w}_2 - \mathbf{w}_1) + \mathbf{w}_1 \in W_1$ .

12. Let  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  be a subset of a real vector space  $V$ . Define **linear span** of  $S$  as

$$\text{LS}(\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}) = \{c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n : c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

*i.e.*, the set of all linear combinations of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ . Then  $\text{LS}(\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\})$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

**Solution:** If  $\mathbf{u} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$  and  $\mathbf{w} = d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + d_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + d_n\mathbf{v}_n$ , then

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} = (c_1 + d_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + (c_2 + d_2)\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + (c_n + d_n)\mathbf{v}_n \in \text{span}(\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\})$$

and

$$\alpha\mathbf{u} = (\alpha c_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + (\alpha c_2)\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + (\alpha c_n)\mathbf{v}_n \in \text{span}(\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\})$$

for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Rest is straightforward.

13. Suppose  $S$  and  $T$  are two subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . Define the **sum**

$$S + T = \{\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{t} : \mathbf{s} \in S, \mathbf{t} \in T\}.$$

Show that  $S + T$  satisfies the requirements for a vector space. Moreover,  $\text{LS}(S \cup T) = S + T$ .

**Solution:** Straightforward to check all vector space requirements.

14. **(T)** Find all the subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Solution:**  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $W \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then there exists  $(w_1, w_2) \in W$  with  $(w_1, w_2) \neq \mathbf{0}$ . If  $\text{LS}(\{(w_1, w_2)\}) = W$ , then  $W$  is a line through origin. If  $\text{LS}(\{(w_1, w_2)\}) \subsetneq W$  then show that  $W = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

Let  $(u_1, u_2) \in W \setminus \text{LS}(\{(w_1, w_2)\})$ . So,  $\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \neq \alpha \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . So,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 & u_1 \\ w_2 & u_2 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible. Therefore, the system  $A \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  in the unknowns  $\alpha, \beta$  has a solution for each  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  as  $A$  is invertible.

15. **(T)** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$ , with  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then the 4 fundamental subspaces are:

(a) The column space of  $A$ :

$$\text{col}(A) = \{A\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n\} = \text{LS}(A[:, 1], \dots, A[:, n]) = \text{LS} \left( \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$$

(b) The column space of  $A^*$ :

$$\text{col}(A^*) = \text{LS}(A^*[1, :], \dots, A^*[m, :]) = \{A^*\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^m\}.$$

(c) The null space of  $A$ :

$$\text{Null Space}(A) = \mathcal{N}(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n : A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}.$$

(d) The null space of  $A^*$ :

$$\text{Null Space}(A^*) = \mathcal{N}(A^*) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^m : A^*\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}.$$

**Important:** In case  $A \in \mathbb{M}_{m,n}(\mathbb{R})$ , the spaces  $\text{col}(A^*)$  and  $\text{Null Space}(A^*)$  are called the row-space of  $A$  and the left-null space of  $A$ , respectively

Now, determine the above 4 mentioned fundamental spaces for the following matrices.

$$(i) A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \\ 2 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii) B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(iii) Suppose  $B, C \in \mathbb{M}_{m,n}(\mathbb{C})$  and  $S = \text{col}(B)$ ,  $T = \text{col}(C)$ . Determine  $M \in \mathbb{M}_{m,n}(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $\text{col}(M) = S + T$ .

**Solution:** (i) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \\ 2 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{RREF}(A). \text{ So, } \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -z \\ -z \\ z \end{bmatrix} = z \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}(A) = \text{LS} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

(iii) Let  $M = [B \ C] \in \mathbb{M}_{m,2n}(\mathbb{C})$ . It is easy to see that if  $\mathbf{u} \in \text{col}(M)$  then  $\mathbf{u} \in S + T$ . Similarly, if  $\mathbf{u} \in S + T$  then  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{t}$  where  $\mathbf{s} \in \text{col}(B)$  and  $\mathbf{t} \in \text{col}(C) \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} \in \text{col}(M)$ .

16. Construct  $A$  such that  $[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T \in \text{col}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \text{LS}([1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T)$ .

**Solution:** Clearly, the matrix we are looking for is a  $3 \times 4$  matrix with rank 3. Two such matrices are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & -6 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 & -14 \end{bmatrix}.$$

17. (T) Suppose  $A$  is an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix of rank  $r$ .

- (a) If  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a solution for every right side  $\mathbf{b}$ , what is the column space of  $A$ ?

**Solution:** There must be a pivot in every row, so  $r = m$  and so  $\text{col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$ .

- (b) In part (a), what are all the relations between the numbers  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $r$ ?

**Solution:** Using (a), we know that  $r = m$ . The rank  $r \leq n$ . Hence  $r = m \leq n$ .

- (c) Give a specific example of a 3 by 2 matrix  $A$  of rank 1 with first row  $[2 \ 5]$ . Describe the column space,  $\text{col}(A)$ , and the null space,  $N(A)$ , completely.

**Solution:** Just use multiples of  $[2 \ 5]$  for the other rows. For example,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Column space will be the line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of all multiples of your first column. The null space will be the line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  consisting of all multiples of the null space solution  $\begin{bmatrix} -5/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (d) Suppose the right side  $\mathbf{b}$  is same as the first column in your example (part c). Find the complete solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

**Solution:** Adding the particular solution  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  to the null space solution from (c), we get the complete solution  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} -5/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

18. Suppose  $R = \text{RREF}(A)$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & b \\ 2 & a & 1 & 8 \\ \text{(row 3)} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- (a) What can you say immediately about row 3 of  $A$ ?

**Solution:** As  $R[3, :] = [0, 0, 0, 0]$ ,  $A[3, :] = \alpha A[1, :] + \beta A[2, :]$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ .

- (b) What are the numbers  $a$  and  $b$ ?

**Solution:** After one step of elimination,  $A$  reduces to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & b \\ 0 & a-4 & -1 & 8-2b \\ \text{(row 3)} \end{bmatrix}$ . Then comparing with  $R$  gives  $a = 4$ . Now, multiplying the second row by  $-1$  and comparing gives  $b = 5$ .

- (c) Describe all solutions of  $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Which among row spaces, column spaces and null spaces are the same for  $A$  and for  $R$ .

**Solution:** Setting  $x_2$  and  $x_4$  as free variables gives the solution of  $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  as

$$\mathbf{x} = c \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The row space and the null space are always the same for  $A$  and  $R$  whereas column space is different (row operations preserve row space but change column space).

19. Let  $A \in \mathbb{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Show that  $\mathcal{N}(A) \subset \mathcal{N}(A^2) \subset \mathcal{N}(A^3) \dots$ . What if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

**Solution:** Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(A)$ . Then  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow A^2\mathbf{x} = A(A\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ . Thus  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(A^2)$ . In general, it can be shown that  $\mathcal{N}(A^n) = \mathcal{N}(A^{n+1}) = \dots$ .

20. **(T)** Let  $A \in \mathbb{M}_{m,n}(\mathbb{R})$ . If  $\text{RREF}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} I_r & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  then describe  $\text{col}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(A)$ .

**Solution:**  $\text{col}(A)$  is the space of all vectors whose last  $m - r$  coordinates are zero. This is clear since  $\text{rank}(A) = r$ . Further, the first  $r$  columns of  $A$  are independent as  $\text{RREF}(A)$  has  $I_r$  in its first block. Denoting by  $f_{ij}$  the entry in the  $(i, j)$  position in  $F$ . Then  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  is the space of all linear combinations of the  $n - r$  vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} -f_{11} \\ -f_{21} \\ \vdots \\ -f_{r1} \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -f_{12} \\ -f_{22} \\ \vdots \\ -f_{r2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} -f_{1(n-r)} \\ -f_{2(n-r)} \\ \vdots \\ -f_{r(n-r)} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Clearly, these vectors are linearly independent. Thus  $\dim(\mathcal{N}(A)) = n - r$ .

21. **(T)** Let  $W_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \right\}$  and  $W_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^T, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T \right\}$ . Show that  $W_1 + W_2 = \mathbb{R}^3$ . Give an example of a vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\mathbf{v}$  can be written in two different ways in the form  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$ , where  $\mathbf{v}_1 \in W_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in W_2$ .

**Solution:**  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subseteq W_1 + W_2$  and is linearly independent which means  $W_1 + W_2 =$

$\mathbb{R}^3$ . Since  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \in W_2$ , we have  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in W_1 + W_2$ . Note that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in W_1 \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{5}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \in W_2, \text{ so}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in W_1 + W_2.$$